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SEWER INQUIRY
BEGINS AT ONCE

Subcommittee, However, Delegates Others to Do Work It Was Ordered to Perform.

QUESTION OF OVERCHARGES

Councilman Richards's Figures to Be Verified or Rejected in Marshall Ward.

Investigation of the statement made to the Committee on Streets by Councilman C. E. Richards that citizens of Marshall Ward had been charged an excessive rate for sewer connections will begin this morning, but not by the subcommittee designated for that specific purpose. The subcommittee consists of Alderman Mann and Councilmen Lynch and Don Leavy. At a meeting last night, Assistant Engineer Bolton, Chairman Mann, Inspector Russell and Councilman Richards were delegated to remeasure the excavations in Marshall Ward and find out definitely whether or not there were any overcharges. They will be at the City Hall at 9 o'clock and compare the records at a meeting to-morrow.

Richards Surprised.
Mr. Richards thought that the measurements would be taken by the subcommittee. He has made no direct charges against anybody, particularly, but in view of the complaint and the fact that his measurements showed overcharges running from \$2.34 to \$23 in fourteen separate cases, the circumstances demanded an investigation. One or two members of the Council have volunteered to assist Mr. Richards, and they will be on the scene to-day. Some of the contractors have denied that there could have been excessive charges, but Mr. Richards takes the position that he has accused no one and has called no names, the inquiry will not be detrimental to the city unless it is shown by an official examination that the citizens got the worst of it.

APPROVED CHARTER CHANGES

Committee Adopts Report and Has It Printed for City Council.

Without a dissenting vote, the Committee on Charter Revision adopted last night the report of the committee. The report, prepared by City Attorney Pollard and a subcommittee, and sent the document on to the Council. A copy of the report was also sent to the members of the committee. The report provides for a permanent separation of the legislative and executive functions of the city government, and creates a Board of Control, consisting of five members to be elected by the people. This Board will perform all the duties which now devolve upon the Council members.

TO WIDEN CEDAR STREET

Proposition Deferred Until Next Meeting of Street Committee.

After much discussion the Committee on Streets decided last night not to vote upon the proposition of widening Cedar Street between Grace and Park Avenue. There is a strong feeling against the plan, and it is thought that the matter should be deferred until the next meeting of the committee.

Over the protest of the Health Department the committee recommended the issuance of an ordinance granting to T. M. Wortham the right to connect four houses in Cedar Street with the sewer. The ordinance was before the Council two weeks ago, but it was not passed. It is now recommended, and the committee stood pat.

Council Did Not Meet.
The meeting of the Common Council scheduled for last night was not held because of lack of a quorum necessary to appropriate money. The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday.

Routine Business Only.
The Committee on Finance had its regular meeting last night, but transacted only routine business.

MUSICAL GREAT SUCCESS

Vocal Class of St. Joseph's Academy Wins Much Applause.

The young ladies of the vocal class of St. Joseph's Academy, under the direction of Miss Nina M. Randolph, last night gave a most successful concert at the St. Joseph's church. The program was well planned and the singing was of a high class, including selections from some of the best composers, and several difficult numbers were rendered in a most satisfactory manner.

Miss Marie Steinbrecher rendered two solos with fine effect, and her recitation was shown up to great advantage. The other soloists were Misses Kain and Byrne. Miss Ryall also gave several recitations which were greatly enjoyed.

The concert will be repeated this afternoon. The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of the Seventh Street Christian Church will take place at 8 o'clock this night at 8 o'clock. Members of the school and friends are cordially invited.

Horse Badly Diseased.
Jake Johnson, a negro driver for Mr. Joseph Riley, was arrested yesterday on complaint of Agent E. C. Taylor for the charge of negligently driving a horse, apparently in the last stages of disease.

SHE TOOK TO SAVE
MONEY FOR FUNERAL

Mrs. Stone, Hopelessly Ill, Comes to Richmond to Enter Home for Incurables.

Bringing along a trunk filled with all her earthly possessions and \$300 in cash, Mrs. Susan Stone, giving her home as Fredericksburg, applied some time ago for admission to the Memorial Hospital. She was sixty-five years of age, widowed and childless, and appeared much enfeebled by the cares of an evidently hard life. She had worked and saved until she had got together \$300, and then she came to Richmond to enter a hospital. Unfortunately, Miss Van Vort, superintendent of the Memorial, of her plans. Part of the money was to pay her admission fee into the Home for Incurables, and the rest was to go toward her funeral expenses.

It was such a plaintive tale, and the poor woman begged so hard that Miss Van Vort took Mrs. Stone in, though she had left another hospital in the city to enter the Memorial. A few days ago friends went through the necessary form, and the patient was admitted to the Home for Incurables.

PRINTER GONE: FOUL PLAY FEARED
FAREWELL TO OLD; GREETING TO NEW

Watchnight Services and Parties to Be Held All Over City To-Night.

As the clock tolls the solemn hour of 12 to-night Father Time will mark upon his invisible record the flight of another year, with its joys and pains, and the whole population will rise noisily into the arms of 1908—some on the wings of good resolutions, whether new or not. The most that one can say of what will happen in the new 365 days is that one will fall off the wagon, perhaps with a jolt, and that as the days roll on the good resolutions one by one will vanish into thin air as readily as did the ghosts of Jacobites. Many, contrary to their wont, will burn the midnight oil, not so much for the purpose of revelry as to bid farewell to the old and welcome the new. The night will be a time of the holidays, and the return to the grind that will end only with another Christmas.

Paul's Episcopal Church watch-night services, commencing at 11:15 o'clock and continuing until midnight, will be held. The public are invited.

Special New Year's services have been arranged for the watch-night meeting, which will be held from 11 o'clock until midnight at Centenary Methodist Church. A musical program has been arranged, and the pastor, the Rev. J. N. Latham, will preach.

The New Year's events at the Central Y. M. C. A. will begin to-night. A check of 25c will be exhibited in work in the gymnasium, including drills, apparatus work, tumbling, team relay, and basketball contests. It will be open house all day New Year's from 10 A. M. on, with a number of interesting features.

Post-Office Schedule.

Postmaster Smith has arranged the following schedule for handling the mail at the main post-office and stations to-morrow:

Main Office.
Executive division will be open until 12 noon.

Stamp window will be open from 8:30 to 11:30 and from 2:30 to 6:30. Delivery, same hours as stamp window.

Money order division will be open until 11:30 A. M.

Registry division will be open from 8 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.

Carriers' window, same hours as general delivery.

Carriers will make deliveries as follows: Two-trip men, one delivery, leaving 9 A. M.; three-trip men, two deliveries, leaving 9 A. M. and 11 A. M.; four-trip men, three deliveries.

Collections will be made at regular intervals.

Patches to stations will be made as follows: Station "A," 8:45 and 10:45 A. M.; Station "B," 9 and 11 A. M.

Stations "A" and "B" will be open until 11:30 A. M.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Presbyterians to Have Meetings Every Night Next Week.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian preachers of the city yesterday morning, it was decided to observe next week as a week of prayer. The services will open with a union meeting in the Church of the Covenant on Sunday night, with a sermon by the Rev. Dr. G. B. Strickler.

The nightly prayer-meetings for the week will be held in the Second Presbyterian Church, as follows: Monday, by the Rev. Dr. T. R. Eggleston; Wednesday, by the Rev. W. S. Campbell; Thursday, by the Rev. F. L. and Friday, by the Rev. Tilden Scherer.

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Richmond Man Institutes
Search for Brother Who
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Albert Rayle, a printer of Greensboro, has become apprehensive over his mysterious disappearance from a boarding-house in the North Carolina city. He has been missing since December 7th. No reason could be given for his leaving home, and his relatives fear that he has met with foul play, or else that his mind has become affected.

It is reported from Greensboro that Mr. Rayle is not addicted to drink, and that he bears an excellent reputation. He is a member of the Ashboro Street Baptist Church and of the Junior Order United American Mechanics. His right leg is slightly short, making him walk with a limp. He is described as having light hair, blue eyes, a sandy mustache. He is about five feet tall. Everything in his room was left as though he expected to return in a short time. As everyone knows, he had only a small amount of money with him.

The family have asked the co-operation of the police in locating him. His brother, Mr. E. W. Rayle, of 11 West Marshall Street, Richmond, and Mr. E. W. Rayle, of 11 West Marshall Street, Richmond, and Mr. E. W. Rayle, of 11 West Marshall Street, Richmond, are engaged in the search.

MR. ALLAN MAKES RECORD

Assistant Postmaster Walks Seventy-seven Miles in Twenty-four Hours.

Mr. Edgar Allan, Jr., assistant postmaster, has just made a record as a pedestrian, he and two friends having crossed the distance of seventy-seven miles from Washington, D. C., to Havre de Grace, Md., in exactly twenty-four hours. Mr. Allan went up to Washington a few days ago, and while there decided to take the walk with Dr. John C. Holmes, private secretary to Postmaster-General Meyer, and Mr. Richard P. Covert, superintendent of supplies of the Post-Office Department. The assistant postmaster is something of an athlete, and is a great believer in physical exercise.

Mr. Allan had a fond of training in the field, though his friends did not know that he was capable of the physical endurance he has just exhibited.

Mr. Allan did not appear the least fatigued when seen in his office yesterday. He and his companions left Washington at 4:35 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, and reached Ashton, Md., that night. Remaining at Ashton until Friday morning, they walked to Havre de Grace, via Baltimore, and arrived at 6:55 P. M. Friday. At 7:31 P. M. they started back to Washington by rail, and spent the night in the capital city.

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WANT STREET LIGHTS
ON NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Alderman Wood Objected to Asking Favors, but Committee Will Make Request.

Admitting that it might be regarded as a request, Councilman William Lambeth yesterday afternoon of the Council Committee on Light and Police suggested that a resolution be passed requesting the Passenger and River Company to give the citizens the day of grace in the street lighting service on Broad and Main Streets. Under the terms of the contract, the lamps will be extinguished at 12 o'clock to-night for all time. Mr. White thought that the day of grace in New Year's Day, it would add to the gaiety of nations to have the lights burn in the evening.

Alderman Wood objected. He did not think it proper to ask special favors from a corporation. He thought it was when the city would be required to pass laws which the company regarded as unfair. Finally, however, the chairman of the special committee was instructed to confer with officers of the company to-day and ask whether it would be possible to continue the service until to-morrow midnight.

MISSIONARY HERE

Strain of Work in China Impairs Health of the Rev. Mr. White.

The Rev. Hugh White, of the Southern Presbyterian mission in China, was in the city yesterday. He has been the guest of his brother, the Rev. W. McC. White, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Petersburg. Mr. White has been on a furlough to the United States to recuperate his health, which had given away under the nervous strain of work and the malarial conditions in China.

CHILDREN HAVE GOOD TIME

Christmas Entertainment Held by Glen Echo Sunday-School.

Glen Echo Sunday-school, a mission of the Third Presbyterian Church, held its Christmas entertainment on Friday night. The chapel was beautifully decorated with cedar and holly, and was lighted with candles. A large Christmas tree stood in front of the pulpit.

The Rev. W. S. Campbell, the pastor, presided over the exercises, and an excellent program was rendered by the scholars, assisted by talent from Montrose Church, and the neighborhood. A number of testimonials were presented to a number of scholars by the superintendent for regular attendance during the year. Miss Gladys Blinn received a medal from her teacher for having been perfect in the golden texts for each lesson. After the exercises were over refreshments were served to each member of the school.

DINNER TO AGENTS

Virginia Branch of Sun Life Has Very Successful Year.

Mr. N. D. Sills, manager for the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, gave his Virginia agents a dinner at the Jefferson Hotel last night. At the close of the dinner Mr. Sills presented to Mr. Rodolph Madore a fine fountain pen for having written the most businesslike letter of the year.

Kregloe, of Roanoke, received special recognition for having written the most businesslike of any of the agents in the State during the year.

The Virginia agency of the Sun Life has just closed the most successful year it has ever had, and Mr. Sills gave the agents a dinner to celebrate the occasion. The business during the coming year are brighter than ever before in the company's history.

CHRISTMAS AT MISSION HOUSE

Women Give Entertainment at Methodist Institute and Large Crowd Attends.

Under the auspices of the Women's Christian Progressive Club and Singing Class, made up of the mothers and young people in the neighborhood of the Methodist Institute, on East Main Street, one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the Christmas season was given yesterday evening in the building known as the mission house. The entertainment was given under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Davies, the missionary attached to the institute, has for its purpose the general uplift of its members. It meets at the institute once a week.

The entertainment began at 6:45 o'clock in the evening with a banquet in the clubroom. Fifty-two members and several invited guests were present. The color scheme being red and green. The menu, printed on an attractive little folder, to be kept as a souvenir of the occasion, consisted of oyster soup, roast beef, potato salad, chicken, olives, nuts, cheese, fruits, waters, cakes and coffee.

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CITY SAVED \$4,000
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Council Demanded New Bid Instead of Giving to Next Lowest When Woods Quit.

MADE COMMITTEE CHANCE

Mills and Hobson Objected to Recommendation Because It Wasn't Good Business.

How the city may save money having a few weeks ago in Council was demonstrated at a meeting of the Council Committee on Light and Police yesterday afternoon. The committee had recommended that the contract for certain work be given to the next lowest bidder, but the committee was not in favor of the recommendation because it was not good business.

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DR. DOLE SPEAKS

Declines Warring Nations Will Recognize

Dr. Charles F. Dole, of Boston, Mass., spoke before the Unit Club of the First Unitarian Church last night at 8:15 o'clock on the subject of "Good Will, the Working Philosophy of Life." The audience, though not large, was very appreciative, and the discourse was well received.

Dr. Dole endeavored to make plain to his hearers that the same interest which they showed in practical righteousness should be applied to making a better city and better conditions generally. In the Old Testament, he said, the men who did justice, love mercy and walked humbly before God was the incarnation of good will. In the New Testament, however, it was the love of the neighbor that was the key to the text, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

The speaker said that the time will come when even the warring nations will recognize the fact and settle their disputes according to the rules of good will instead of resorting to the sword.

THANKS POLICE

Major Werner Receives Grateful Note From Miss Van Vort.

Major Werner yesterday received from Miss Van Vort, superintendent of Memorial Hospital, a letter thanking him for the careful guarding the hospital during the recent fire. The letter was most grateful and expressed the appreciation of the patients and the staff for the Major's prompt action in saving the hospital from destruction.

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GIRLS IN GRAY

Singing of Young Ladies Arouse Old Soldiers to High Pitch of Enthusiasm.

Ten young ladies in gray military coats, with hats and gauntlets to match, invaded the Soldiers' Home yesterday capturing